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Prior Applications: .EP. 04100856.6 filed.on.03.March 2004 . . . US. 60/551,179 filed.on.08.March 2004 . . . . .

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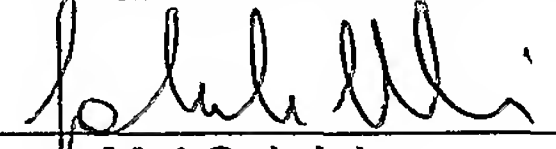
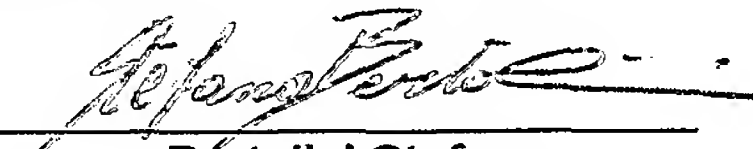
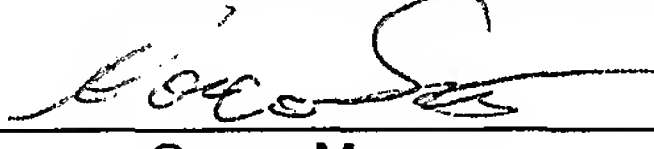
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